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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6239
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
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USINT BAGHDAD
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY RABAT
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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SUBJ: PROGRESS OF ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE ON LEBANON

1. KUWAIT MFA UNDERSECRETARY RASHID RETURNED SEPT 13 FROM

DAMASCUS MEETING OF ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE PREPARING WAY
FOR ARAB SUMMIT ON LEBANON. ON ARRIVAL HE REPORTEDLY
TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE AND SAUDI AND TUNISIAN COLLEAGUES
HAD MET WITH PLO AND SYRIAN LEADERS, BUT THAT NEWSMEN
SHOULD BE NEITHER TOO OPTIMISTIC NOR PESSIMISTIC ABOUT
PROGRESS TOWARD SUMMIT (AL QABAS, SEPT 14). DIPLOMATIC
CIRCLES IN KUWAIT WERE, HOWEVER, REPORTED TO BE ENCOURAGED
BY ARAFAT'S ANNOUNCED PLAN TO VISIT DAMASCUS.

2. COMMENT: TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR IN KUWAIT TOLD AMBASSADOR
THAT, AS HE UNDERSTOOD, PURPOSE OF DAMASCUS MEETING WAS
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TO ARRANGE SUBSEQUENT MEETING BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN

PRESIDENT, BECAUSE THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT
PLO-SYRIAN RAPPROACHMENT MUST TAKE PLACE AS FIRST STEP
ON ROAD TO SUMMIT.
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